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I am witting to say that I am strongly against the proposed Microsoft settlement. The only effect it will have on Microsoft's business practices is to \*increase\* their Monopoly hold on much of the computer industries. It fails to really address many key areas including the need to have only open (documented and freely available) protocols and file formats.

The sole purpose of the government is to protect the rights of the \*people\*. IT is clear that no one was thinking of the people when this settlement was drafted.

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